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25. (Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the cell, in unmodified form, has at least one MHC class I antigen on the cell surface which is capable of stimulating an immune response against the cells in the subject, wherein the MHC class I antigen on the cell surface is altered to inhibit rejection of the cells when introduced into the subject.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the cell is contacted prior to introduction into the subject with at least one molecule which binds to at least one antigen on the cell surface which antigen is capable of stimulating an immune response against the cell in the subject to alter the antigen on the cell surface to inhibit rejection of the cell when introduced into the subject.

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36. (Amended) The method of claim [35] 18, wherein spinal cord damage is spinal cord injury.

Please add the following new claims 39-44:

-- 39. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein said xenogeneic subject is a human.

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40. (New) The composition of claim 1, ~~wherein said spinal cord damage is~~ selected from the group consisting of spinal cord injury, neurodegenerative disorder, and aging.

41. (New) The composition of claim 40, wherein said spinal cord injury is selected from the group consisting of compression, contusion, distraction, and solid core lesion.